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#### Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREES OF 7th and 8th March, 1848, --a n d----

BY IMPERIAL DECREES OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31st DECEMBER, 1866.

> Recognised by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 90TH APRIL, 1862.

PAID-UF CAPITAL .... 80,000,000 3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, ..... 20,000,000

HEAD OFFICE. -14, Rue Bergère, Paris. LONDON AGENCY.-144, Leadenhall St. AGENCIES - At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (He de la Reunion.) Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama. LONDON BANKERS, -- Bank of England

> HONGKONG AGENOY. INTEREST ALLOWED

Union Bank of London.

N Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the offices.

CHR. DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road,

Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK-ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL,...5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, ..... 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-E. R. BELILIOS, Esq. Deputy Chairman-AD, ANDRE, Esq. F. CORDES, Esq. |S. W. POMEROY, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq. H. Hoppius, Esq. A. Molver, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. James Greig, Esq. Hongkong, . Manager.

EWEN CAMERON, Esq. Shanghai, LONDON BANKERS. - London and County

HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily

On Fixed Deposits :-For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum. 4 per cent. 5 per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOURTED. Oradits granted on approved Scourities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India.

Australia, America, China and Japan. JAMES GREIG, Orief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No, 1, Queen's Road Bast.

Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW, 1876.

Houghoug, Pobruary 12, 1878.

FIGHE ANNUAL FLOWER, FRUIT, and FIGHE Seventh Ordinary MEETING of VEGETABLE Show will be held in | Shareholders in the Company will be the Public Gardens on FRIDAY and held at the Company's Office, 89, Queen's SATURDAY, the 18th and 19th Instants. Road, Vistoria, at 8 o'clock in the after-Open to Visitors on each day at 2 p.m. noon of FRIDAY, the 18th February Next, Intending Exhibitors are invited to send for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Plants in Pots on the 17th Instant, and Accounts, and the Report of the Directors, Vegetables and Out Flowers, before 10 a.m. for the Year ending Sist December, 1876. on the 18th Instant. By kind permission The Transfer BOOKS of the Company of the Colonel and Officers of H. M.'s 28th will be CLUSED from the 5th to the 18th Legiment, the Band will play.

ADMISSION, --50 cents, by Tickets obtains

able at Messes Lang, Chawyord & Co.'s, ge by Payment at the Cates.

## Notices of Firms.

Have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procura-

A. MACG. HEATON. Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES NOTICE.

ROM this date and until further notice, Mr. G. DE CHAMPEAUX WILL act. at this Port, as Agent of the above Company By Order of the Directors, O. BERTRAND.

## NOTICE

Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr Sidney Deacon in our Firm, ceased on the 9th September last. Mr. Alfred T. Duval was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

DEACON & Co. Canton, February 1, 1876.

NOTICE. TR. OTTO GRABE has been admitted

IVI a Partner in our Firm from 1st January, 1876. E. MEYER & Co.

Tientain, January 1876. NOTICE.

TATE have Established branches of out Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. & Sterling. E. Constanting is authorised to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co. Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NUTICE. TR. MEYER ELIAS SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SASSOON & Co. Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE. THE Undersigned have entered into Copartnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of

A. G. MORRIS.

E. C. RAY. Bank Buildings,

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

# Intimations.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

CEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, marked on the covers, "Tenders for Anny Contracts," will be Received by the Undersigned until Noon on SATURDAY, the 19th Inst., for the undermentioned SUPPLIES AND SERVICES required by the War Department at Hongkong and Outports, aduring the year from the lat April, 1876, to the 31st Mar., 1877, viz.:—

1.—For Her Majesty's Troops:—Provisions, Fuel and Light, &c., &c. 2.—For Hospitals:—Provisions, Wines, Porter, Ale, Spirits, &c., &c.

3.—Washing and Repairing Barrack and Hospital Bedding and Olothing 1 Repairing Utensils.

4.—Cleaning the Roads, Parades, &c., at the various Cantonments, and other Scavengers' work; also Cleaning and Lighting Exterior Lamps, &c. 18weeping Chimneys, Flues and Stove

5. Cleansing Nullah. There will be separate Tender for each of the five items. No tender will be accepted from any person in Government

bamples of certain of the articles re quired, in accordance with which supplies must be furnished, can be seen at this office : where also Forms of Tender (no other than those issued by the Department will be recognized), conditions of contract, Specification and plan of the Scavenging Contract, and any further information that may be required, can be obtained upon application between the hours of 10 a.m. and

4 p.m. daily. C. R. SHERVINTON. Lieut. Colonel, Assistant Controller.

Control Office, Hongkong, February 14, 1876.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE. CUMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

February, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Hongkong January 28, 1876,

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPO'A DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS, HE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the

Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MON-DAY, the 28th February, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875, the Report of the Directors; for the election of Directors, and Auditors; also to declare a THEATRE Dividend.

By Order of the Board, . Gillies Secretary Hongkong, February 12, 1876.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPJA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th Instant, both days included. By Order.

D. GILLIES, Hongkong, February 12, 1876.

TATANTED, to CHARTER, a VESSEL to carry 300 to 500 Tons large Takasima Coal, either from Hongkong or Nagasaki to Providence Bay, Behring's Straits, in Lat. 64 deg. 22m, 30.7s. N Long. 173 deg. 17m, 18.5s. W. To arrive about 12th June. Tenders cannot be received after 21st

For Particulars, apply, between 9 and 11 a.m., to Captain NOVOSILSKY,

H. I.R. M.S. "VSADNICK. Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend, at the rate of 4% or 83 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be payable at the Hongkong Shanghai Banking Corporation on after THURSDAY, the 27th Instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants. By Order of the Board of Directors, P. A. DA COSTA

Secretary. Hongkong, January 24, 1876.

O. ROGERS, DENTAL SUR-GEON, No. 7, ARBUTHNOT ROAD, (will be absent at Canton for a few days from the 28th instant.) Hongkong, February 16, 1876.

OFFICERS' MESS, 28TH REGT.

FITHE Officers 28th Regt. will not hold themselves Responsible for any Debts contracted by their Messman. By Order,

FRANCIS E. WEBB, Capt. & Mess President. Murray Barracks, Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

UNDERMENTIONED LAN AND BUILDINGS. AT HONGKONG:-

INLAND LOT 82 .- The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Mesers A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Com-

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Annual Crown rent, \$390.48.

MARINE LOT 111, WANCHAL - Birst-class and extensive Godowns. Annual Crown rent, \$824.

INLAND LOT 591 .- Situated on the Bonham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony. Annual Crown rent, \$79.78.

FARM LOT 17, PORFOOLUM, adjoining Mesars Butterfield & Swire's premises. Annual Crown rent, \$25. AT KOWLOONG !--

MARINE Log 4 .- With a frontage of 100 feet on the Prays, and with an area of 80,000 feet. Beduced Annual Orown rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA !-Lors No. 6 and No. 27 in the Foreign

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, dedowns, Servante Quarters and Outhouses. Afea 1,064 Tsubos of 86 square feet. Annual Ground rent, \$263.79.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floss Silk Press, Compradore's Charters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 554 Trobos. Ground fent, \$152.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further in-

formation, to be made to

J. WHITTALL, T. G. LINSTEAD, Trustues A. Hourd & Co. & Bilate. 28, Queen's Road, Honghong, Hongkong, Vebruary 1, 1876,

For sale.

FOR SALE.

COME very superior OLD PORT WINE, just received, in cases of One or Two Dozen bottles each. Apply to

J. J. DOS REMEDIOS & Co. Hongkong, February 16, 1876.

Entertainments.

CITY HALL.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATROMAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR APPRUA KENNEDY, E.C.M.G. C.B. THE French "UPERA COMIQUE TROUPE," lately of Paris, London ST. PETERBURG, NEW YORK and SAIGON,

Will give their last Performance but one, on This Evening. February 17th, 1876.

"Mr. Choufleuri restera chez lu

Operette Bouffe, Music by Offenbach. Krnestine, ...... Madame Dorlia

LES NOCES DE JEANNETTE Upera Comique Music by Victor Masse. ADMISSION:-Dress Circle and Stalis, \$2 Back Seats, \$1.

Doors open at 8 o'clock; Performance to commence at 9. Tickets may be had and seats secured at Messrs. KRUSE & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performance.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

THE THIRD CONCERT of the Season will be given in the CITY HALL on TUESDAY EVENING. February 22nd, commencing at 9 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained of Mesers LARE CRAWFORD & Co., on and after SATUR-DAY Next.

ROBERT G. ALFORD, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, February 14, 1876. fe20

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY.

the 18th February, 1876, at Noon,-Sauces, Pickles, Sardines, Files, Vases

Penholders, Lamps. 25 cases Swaine, Boord's Old Tom.

25 cases Jules Robin & Co.'s Cognac. 25 drums Turpentine.

100 boxes Window Glass. 100 Long Enfield Rifles. Red Copper Sheets. Iron Plates.

Sheet Zinc and Sheet Lead. 100 casks Portland Cement. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer. Hongkong, Feb. 16, 1876.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND COLO. NIAL MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

engravings, glass-ware, PLATED-WARE, PIANO, \* **d**to. . . . 40.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from John G. Smith Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY,

the 28th day of February, 1876, at Noon, at his residence, "Idle Wild," owing to change of residence.

The whole of his Substantial English and Colonial-made Household FURNI. TURE, &co., comprising : Drawing, Din ing and Bed Room Suites, Glassware, Plated Ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Engravings, Pler Glasses, Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Window Curtains and Cornices, Marble top tached, with Garden all round, Offices, Go. Tables, Book Case, Dining Table, Side Board, Whatnots, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Wash. stands and Services, &c. &c.

> Catalogues will be issued TERMS OF SALE - Ussh before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7 All Lots, with all faults and strops of description at purchasers risk on the fall of the hammer.

A Cottage PIANO.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Associones. Hongkong, Reb. 17, 1876.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SEMI-GRAND PIANO, PARK

PHÆTON AND PAIR OF PONIES. \_A PINE COLLECTION OF FERNS, . CAMELLIAS, BOSES, AND OTHER CHOICE

T ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 29th February, 1876, at Noon, at "DUART," CAINE ROAD, The Residence of the Honourable T. O HAYLLAR, Esq.,-

The whole of his Handsome and Substantially made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE comprising, Handsomely Carved EBONY SIDE and CENTRE TABLES, Mahogany Marone Morocco Covered COUCHES and CHAIRS

Covered Bombay Blackwood COUCHES and FLOWER STANDS, Inlaid Ormolu OHEFFONIER, and Japanese CA-BINETS, Handsome Mantfepiece MIR OIL PAINTINGS, OHROMO-LITHOGRAPHS, ENGRAVINGS, CAR-PAT, Window Curtains, Gilt Cornices, at Whampos, and will have quick despatch Gasaliers, Aquariums, Bronze and Porce as above. lain VASES. Handsome BOOK CASE, Carved SIDE

BOARD with MIRROR BACK, Glass and Crockery Ware, Silver and Electro Plated Table Ware, Whatnots, Chairs, Clocks Plated Candlesticks. Handsome Gilt BRASS BEDSTEAD with Feather Mattresses, BUREAU with Mirror, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, Toilet Glasses Cheval Glasses, Iron and Brass Bedsteads,

A GRAND PIANO by J. BROADWOOD de Sons, made expressly to stand this One 4-wheeled PARK PHÆTON, by

and Double Set SILVER MOUNTED Ladies' & Gentlemen's Sedan CHAIRS.

LENNY, with a pair of WHITE PONIES,

The Carriage and Ponies, and the Plants ... Catalogues will be issued prior to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on

MONDAY, the 28th February, 1876. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1. The lots, with all faults and errors of description whatsoever, at purchaser's risk

on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1876. WASHING BOOKS. (In English and Chinese.)

TATASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use

of Ladies and Gentlement are now

ready at this Office-Price \$1 each. CHINA MAIL Office.

Shipping.

Steamers. FOR COOKTOWN, SYDNEY AND

MELBOURNE. The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BOWEN." Captain S. PARK, will be as above on FRIDAY, the

18th Instant, at Noon, For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB. LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, February 11, 1876.

FOR COOKTOWN (DIRECT.) The Steamship Capt. WESTORY, will be despatched for the above Port on SATUR-DAY, the 19th Instant, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,

FOR SHANGHAL

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN. The Company's Steamship will be despatched on or

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

for lundon via suez canal. The Company's Steamship The Company a Community of MENELAUS WENELAUS will be despatched on or about the 20th Instant,

By Freight or Passage, apply to

By Tree First & SWIRE

Houghong, Pobruary 16, 1876.

shipping.

Steamers

FOR SINGAPORE AND PHNAMG. The Steamship Captain Langer, will leave for the above Porte on

MONDAY, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m. For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. fe21

FOR COOKTOWN AND SYDNEY. The Steamer Captain G. R. STEVENS, will

For Freight or Passage (having excellent accommodation for first-class passengers), LANDSTEIN & Co.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Bark " ORAIGIE LEA."

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, January 10, 1876. FOR NEW YORK. The A I American Back

and will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, January 21, 1876.

The A-1 American Ship "SAMUEL G. REED. WHITE, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1876. FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THOS. ROBERTS, Master, will lead for the above Rost, and will have immediate despatch. For Freight, apply to

> FOR SAN FRANCISCO The A-1 American Ship

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

FOR NEW YORK. The A-1 American Ship here and at Whampoa, and will

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Ship

bove Port, and will have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

(Calling at Adelaide if sufficient inducement offers.) The A 1 British Bark Limmex, Master, will load here for the above Ports, and will

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, January 7, 1876.

FOR MANILA The British Ship "CAROLUS MAGNUS," TH. Milks, Master, will meet with quick despatch for the above Port

For Freight or Passage, apply to WIELER & Co. Hongkong, February 14, 1878. FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

Quick despatch for the above

ROZARIO & CO

the 23rd Instant.

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. Sailing Vessels.

of 605 Tons Register, Captain T. LANDY, will load here and

FRED. GORHAM, Master, will load here and at Whampos,

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON.)

quick despatch. For Freight, apply to

The A-1 British Clipper-ship

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

"LATHLEY RICH,"
Thos. Mithel, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876. The A-1 American Ship
"HAZE,"
WILKINSON, Master, will load

Hongkong, February 1, 1870. SARAH NIOHOLSON, 933 Tons Register, Captain SELKIRK, will load here for the

have quick despatch as above.

Hongkong, February 5, 1876. FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

have quick dispatch. For Freight, apply to

The A I Burgue

For Freight or Passage, apply to

Hongkong, February 0, 1878,

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE:

AYLE & Co. will offer, on and after TUESDAY Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter

Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of: Winter Costumes and Polonaises, Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas. Fancy Dress materials of all kinds. Wool Plaids and Flannels. Silks and Poplins. Wool Shawls and Cloaks. Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.

Fancy Wool Goods. Lace and Linen Sets. Scarves and Sashes. Boys' Suits. Children's Dresses.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

intimations.

HOTEL DES COLONIES. SHANGHAL.

ES Propriétaires de l'Hotel de Colonies ont l'honneur d'informet M.M. les Voyageurs qu'ils viennent d'annexer à leur restaurant, dont le haute renommée est si bien connue, une nouvelle maison. attenante, qui leur permet d'offrir des Chambres Splendides réunissant tout confortable, desirable, Chambres familles, Salles de Bains, &c., &c. Voitures à la disposition de M. M. les Voyageurs. La Salle de Billiard et la Barre sont completement separés de l'hotel ce qui est une securité pour le bien être

des visiteurs. Les soins les plus minutieux apportes dans tous les services sont une garantle age est Sollicité.

A. SCISSON & Co., Propriétaires. + Shanghai, le 10 Fevrier, 1876.

MENDERS are invited up to the 19th-Instant, at Noon, for Hauling up for Examination and making the necessary Repairs to the British Barque James Vinicombe. Also for the supply of such Yellow Metal and Nails (Vuntz's) as may be required.

Capt. McPHERSON. Hongkong, February 14, 1876.

Notices to Consignees.

B. B. LORD OF THE ISLES,

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

HIS Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed, at their risk. by Mr A. MoG. HEATON, into the Godowns of Mesars Gilman & Co., whence delivery. may be obtained. Consignees wishing to receive their

Goods on the Wharf, are at liberty to Optional Cargo will be forwarded on,

unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-morrow. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Hongkong, February 14, 1876. GERMAN STEAMSHIP "BELLONA,

TICHMEYER, Master, FROM HAMBURG VIA SINGAPORE. CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above

Steamer are hereby informed that Noon. their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be ob- Office until 2 P.M. on the 1st Idem.

from the boats alongside the Wharf, are at Office, Hongkong, liberty to do so. Goods remaining in store after the 24th

Instant will be subject to rent. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given until 12 o'clock on the 15th Instant. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

WM, PUSTAU & Co., Honkgong, January 14, 1876. NOTIOE.

to consignees of optional CARGO, EX O. S. S. CO.'s S. S. STENTOR, FROM LIVERPOOL.

CHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than the 26th Inst., for shipment per S. S. Diemed. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. BRITISH BARK MARINA. FROM LONDON.

NONSIGNIES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send In their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the

wessel, will be landed and stored at Conalgnees' risk and expense. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co..

Hongkong, Vebruary 4, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

BRITISH SHIP GRYFE, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the

vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense. VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.,

Hongkong, December 30, 1875.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY. FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL. The Company's Steamship "ULYSSES" will be despatched at Noon, TO MORROW, the 18th

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Hongkong, February 17, 1876. FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW The Steamship "DOUGLAS,"

Captain BURNIE, will despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 20th Instant, at Daylight. For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA. The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. "MALACCA"
will leave for the above place abortly after the arrival o the Teheran with the next English Mail.

A. Molver. Superintendent. Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAL. (Taking Cargo at through rates for NAGASAKI & HIOGO.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the next English Mail.

A. MoIVER.

Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

FIRENDERS are invited up to Noon of the 21st Instant, for the Removal of pour M. M les Voyageurs dont le patron- the Old Foremast of the " ISLES OF THE SOUTH," and for Replacing it by a New One.

> THE BORNEO Co., LIMITED. Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

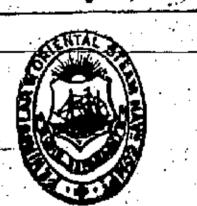
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the halfyear ending on 31st December last at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, say fel9 \$3.75 per paid up Share of \$125, is payable on and after FRIDAY, the 18th Instant. at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for

By Order of the Board of Directors. JAMES GREIG.

Chief Manager. Hongkong, February 17, 1876.



STEAM FOR Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle. Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi. Ancons, Venice, Mediterranean Ports, Southampton and London;

Bombay, Madras and Calcutta.

THE PENINGULAR AND OBJECTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steam-ship GOLCONDA, Captain C. Anderson, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Spoces, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places. in THURSDAY, the 2nd March, at

CARGO will be received on board until Noon; SPECIE and PARCELS at the For particulars regarding Freight and Consigness wishing to take their Goods Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s

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A. Molvell, Superintendent. P. & O. S. N. Co. 4 Office: Hongkong, February 17, 1876

SHIPPING.

Pob. 17, Ulyases, British steamer, 1820 Byrile, Shanghai Feb. 11, Amoy 16, Gene-

ral, -- Butteristo & Swibs. Feb. 17, Amoy, British steamer, 814 Drover, Bhanghai Feb 12, Swatow 16 General .-- Simboan & Co.

Noon. - Ulyases leaves for London. Sydney and Melbourne.

Noon. -General Weekly Sale by Mesure Lane, Crawford & Co.

Feb. 17, Gwalior, for Singapore, &c. 17, Sunda, for Yokohama. 17, Lombardy, for Shanghai. 17, Rajah, for Swatow. 17, Kwangtung, for Swatow, &c. Dividend of \$3.75 per paid-up Share of 17, Riga, for Swatow. 17, Pardo, for Saigon. 17, Eslepona, for Salgon.

OLEARED. China, for Shanghai via Ningpo. Altona, for Saigon. Lucre, for Bangkok. Fortune, for Bangkok. Johann Smidt, for Keelung. Lord of the Isles, for Shanghai. Ulysses, for Singapore, &c. Bellona, for Shanghai.

17, Fushing, for Canton:

17. Peng-chao-hai, for a cruise.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS

Kyle, Nagasaki Feb. 12, Coals. - JARDINE,

MATHESON & Co.

Feb. 17, Glengyle, British steamer, 1260,

Feb. 17, Haydamak, Russ. man-of-war, 1,000, Tirtaff, Canton 17th.

Feb. 17, Mecca, Brit. str., 687, Johnson,

DEPARTURES.

Salgon Feb. 11, Rice.—Hop Knn.

ARRIVED .- Per Utysses, 640 Chinese, for Singapore and Penang. Per Amoy, 2 cabin, 1 European deck, and 44 Chinese. Per Mecca, Mr and Mrs Falcon and ismily, and 10 Chinese.

DEPARTED, -Per Kwangtung, for Swa- Engineer. tow, Mr John Heppell; for Foochow, Mr C. S. Haden. To DEPART. - Per China, Mr Hoar. Per Bellona, for Shanghal, Dr Stoch.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The British steamer Ulysses reports: moderate N.E. winds and thick weather. The British steamer Amoy reports: first part foggy weather, latter part fresh N.E. winds and hazy.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS MAILS WILL CLOSE:--

For SINGAPORE. SOMERSET. COOK-TOWN, CLEVELAND BAY, BOW. ROCKHAMPTON, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, TAS-MANIA AND MELBOURNE.-Per BOWEN, at 11.30 a.m. on Friday, the 18th Inst.

For NINGPO & SHANGHAL. Per OHINA, at 11.80 a.m. To-morrow, the 18th Instant, instead of as previously notified.

For SINGAPORE, SUEZ & LONDON .-Per ULYSSES, at 11.30 s.m. Tomorrow, the 18th Instant. For SAIGON.-

Per ALTONA, at 4 80 p.m. To-morrow, the 18th Inst. For SINGAPORE & RANGOON .--

Per BURMESE, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 19th Inst., instead of as previously notified. For COOKTOWN. Per NAMOA, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday,

the 19th Inst. For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW .--Per DOUGLAS, at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the 19th Instant.

For SINGAPORE AND PENANG.— Per CASSANDRA, at 2.30 p.m. on Monday, the 21st Instant.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET .-The French Contract Packet DJEMNAH. will be despatched on THURSDAY the 24th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom via Marseilles; to Europe, Saigon, Singapore, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c. :--

Wednesday, 23rd .-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the NIGHT BOX, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 24th .--7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters ceases. 11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late

(11.10 A.M., Letters (but Letters only) should have been allowed to leave matters to Singapore may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until

11.80 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely. ALFRED LISTER.

Postmaster General. General Post Office.

Hongkong, February 10, 1876.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET The United States Mail Packet OOEANIC will be despatched on WEDNESDAY the 1st March, at 9 r.m. with the

For Yokohama, Can Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom. The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 p.m. Letters can be posted on board the Packet

from 2.80 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment of a late hos of hy dense in addition prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compul-Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the Bings

and the United States must be superscribed per Octanio, and that address and to the United Kingdom must be superoribed "vid San Francisco." ALFRED LISTER

Pastmaster General. General Post Office, Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876.

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General Memoranda. Baftundar, Neb. 10:-

Noot: 4 Namos lates for Conktown Noon .- Tenders for Army Contracts reonived by the Acaletant Controller, Tenders for the Repairs of the British Batk James Vintembe, will be received by Cant. MoPherson up to Noon.

2 p.m - Horticultural Show. Studat, Peb. 20:00 Daylight Douglas leaves for Swatch;

Amby and Fonditor.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

. Shipping. Noon.-Bowen leaves for Cooktown

Auctions.

Miscellaneous. 2 p.m. Horticultural Show in Public

\$125 of H. K. & S. Banking Corporation, payable at the Bank. Meeting.

3 p.m. - Meeting of Shareholders of th China Fire Insurance Co., Limited.

TO ADVERTISERS. It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow o the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced at 6.55 p.m.

DEATH.

At East Point, on Wednesday, the 16th Inst., at Midnight, Mr Samuel Easton,

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 17, 1876.

THE Overland Mail has a somewha stirring article on the subject of the Tonnage dues, and draws attention the way in which the moneys received under that head have been diverted from their proper object by the Chinese authorities. We can answer one question it puts, however, though the answer we fear will not do much towards clearing to allege the contrary is to deny history up the matter. The writer says,—

We know that a certain amount has been expended on the erection of beacons and lighthouses, and the distribution of buoys and lightships-matters on which consult and superintendents of customs are supposed to consult together as occasion may demand though we fear that this provision of Lore Elgin's treaty, like many others, is more honoured in the breach than in the observance; but where does the mighty credit balance go to? It is certainly not spent dredging harbours, and more particularl bars—as a large portion of it decidedly ought to be; for tonnage dues, after payment reasonable expenses, should in one way another be wholly devoted to the service of

goes into the provincial treasuries, and the theory of their natural rights, or are as a rule we fancy stops there-until the they to be "civilized" by force in comprovincial officials make use of it. Every pliance with that universal law but for now and then some account is ordered to | which the peace party, it may be observed, be paid out of the tonnage dues fund, would never have had any existence? and it is paid accordingly. But the We suspect that, while all admit the bulk of the money is either expended in | theory to be just, the majority will insist paying officials, or finds its way by an | that the latter alternative is most pracindirect route to Peking. No doubt tical-wrong, perhaps, but necessary if this ought to be accounted for. But we New Guinea would be added to the the creditable amount of work which the question in its plainest form, let the has been done by the Lighthouse depart | Peace Society answer this question: ment since Mr Hart took the matter in it better that Australia and New Zealand hand. So far as we can estimate, about one half of the dues have, since the return of Mr Burlingame's mission, been staff, keeping up three gunboats, erecting lighthouses and beacons and laying down buoys. This, of course, is only half the affirmative, the only remark to make is work. Bars have yet to be dredged, and a good deal has yet to be done in other ways. But it is only fair to recognize to the full extent what has already | give in. If it, on the other hand, admits been accomplished.

"It is," it it to the dilemma. our home contemporary. says, "almost incredible that the Chinese addressed to the United Kingdom or in this disgraceful state for so many years." Not so incredible as it seems, if it be recollected that China does not want either our ships or their tonnage dues, or the improvements to which the latter should be devoted. We are not here contending with the mere inertia of native laziness. The opposition is even deeper than that arising from avarice Even supposing we offered to bear all the tost, we doubt if China would willingly consent to dredge her bars and aid navigation to the fullest extent. It is not merely a question of money. The autute Chinaman is perfectly well aware that the Wusneg and Taku bars form natural defences against large draugh vessels of war, and memorials to that effect have already been published in the Peking Gazette. This fact must be remembered in dealing with the question of the appropriation of the tonnage dues Still there is much in the article under notice that will commend itself to public attention, and we shall be glad if it has some effect. It is yet possible that if reform does not take place, foreign vessels will refuse to pay the dues, and that such action will be sustained by our

> No great object," said an old diplomatist, " was ever achieved without enthuand the members of the Peace Society are laudably anxious to verify the aphorism. Unfortunately however this admirable quality is not always wel directed, and the Boclety in duestion is Conspicuous for its inattention to what a lawyer would call the rules of evidence. We have received from its Secretary two atticles, which we presume are teptints from holds journals, or more probably from the columns of its own organ, with a request for their insertion in the China Mail. That we do not see fit to comply with it, is owing to no want of respect for the end at which the Society sims by our Home Gergrament,

It will be very delightful when the Lion lies down with the Lamb, and the Cockatrice lays her eggs beneath the peaceful protection of the Ichneumonor whatever other figure of speech suits the occasion—but that end must be boured for in a spirit of honesty. are not blind to the fact that crotchets of the Peace Society have done some good. But, on the other hand, they have done a good deal of harm, and the Russian war of 1858 was openly at tributed by the late Emperor Nicholas of Russia to the untruthful representation of the three quakers who essayed to convey to him the feeling of the British nation. It may be urged that this is now a matter of history. But certain statements in the articles before us are unfortunately very much the reverse.

Under the caption of "Aborigines and Peace" the following somewhat startling exordium-startling to either readers of Hebrew history or of the events passing in our day-introduces us to the body of the article:-

History affords uniform and wide-spread confirmation of the inspired declaration respecting the Most High, that "He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth. Not only amongst civilised nations does the operation of His Gospel, and of the pacific spirit of Christianity, "break the bow and cut the spear in sunder," but, even amongst

the most savage of aboriginal tribes, God

everywhere experienced to be the author of

peace and not of warfare and confusion. ways. Christianity doubtless favours peace rather than war, though the bloodiest battles have generally taken place between Christian nations. how the last sentence is to be defended we cannot say. Savage aboriginal tribes, as a rule, have no knowledge of the Almighty, and the accounts to hand of their numerous wars (which are plentiful enough) certainly do not argue any providential interposition in favour of peace

The object of these articles appears to

and present experience.

be an attack on the New Guines expedition, which it classes with the kidnspring operations of the South Sea Island cruizers. Here again the Peace Society exaggerates to serve its own purposes. There is no talk at present of even any proposal to forcibly seize land occupied by the natives. But if there were, what does the Peace Society advise as a matter of that general policy which governs the destinies of tribes and nations? Let us assume that the Papuans show themselves bitterly hostile to any foreign arrivals. Are they to be-Well, the "mighty oredit balance" left as untamable savages in deference to should be as they now are, powerful centres of Anglo-Saxon energy, or that the brutish blacks of the one and the honestly expended in maintaining the cannibal races of the other should still swers the second proposition in the that the world does not agree with the Peace Society, and that the world, being the stronger of the two, the Society must that the countries named have benefitted. One point is entirely lost sight of by it has nothing to stand on. We leave

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING

PRESS.

The Press remarks that, although it is by no means certain that the Yunnan investigation will not result merely in the condemnation of unimportant oriminals, the a verdict of death from natural causes. degradation of Li Sital is a rather more hopeful sign, and may be taken as an indication that the Chinese Government conscious that Great Britain cannot be trifled with any further. . With regard to the safety of the Hon. W. Grosvenor and his colleagues, there is no longer cause for much anxiety. The British Government have made known their intention to send troops through Burmah to meet them, and this guard will not only suffice for their protection but will give them added influence and weight at the Inquiry in Yunnan, Le Han Chang has undoubtedly shown a disposition to do his work in an off-hand manner. In last it is almost a wonder he has not gone much further and settled the affair, according to his own ideas, without more ado, leaving nothing for his British colleagues to do or gay un their arrival but to acquiesce, or not, as they might think proper, in his work. But this may have arisen father from ignorance than ill will. At all events the British Government has made known its demands and intends to exact their hondet fulfilment. Whether the Chinese Authorities fully tetognise this fact or not it is impossible to say with certainty, but the action taken with tempest to La Sital would seem to imply that they have done so, The Pres continues by houng the activity displayed by the Chinese in arming themselves, and thinks this fact may have had an influence on the tone how adopted

THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS. The Chinese Mail gives all the rumours of the preparations of war in Japan as they are published in the foreign papers. It gives a translation of the report of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, and says a share in it is a very good investment. It recommends the Chinese to go to see the

Flower Show and to contribute to the same The Chung Ngoi San Po (the Chinese isaue of the Daily Press), while noticing the naturalization of a few Chinese as American subjects, gives the discussion of the newspapers on the question. Some say the recent legislation against the immigration of women into America is an attempt to drive away the Chinese, but it thinks the practical results will not be in favour of the United States, because the moment a Chinaman makes his money abroad he will return to China. Thus he will carry home with him the riches of America instead of spending it there.

The Universal Circulating Herald comments on the assault on the two Protestant Missionaries at Hankow. It says the object of evangelization is a very good one, but the Missionaries, in going, to untravelled districts, have to employ interpreters who are either drawn from the ranks of their own servants or converts. Of course this can be read in two These interpreters know very little of the world, and are very seldem open to worldly reasoning. They are more often haughty than humble, and with these dispositions, they do not know how to behave themselves, nor can they discern what is proper or improper to say to people. They, moreover, rely on the power of the foreigners, and think that in case they should offend people, they would be protected by their God is "the Author of Peace" to those foreign employers. It deprecates this state who sincerely believe on him only, and of things, and is of opinion that the assaults on missionaries are often provoked.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H. M. S. Mosquito went on a trial trip of her engines round the Island this fore-

THE cases before the Police Magistrate today were few and uninteresting. The Court rose early.

WE note that a handsome tablet to the memory of the officers of H. I. C. M. Vessels lost in the typhoon of Sept. 1874 has been erected in the Church at Canton.

THE Cricket Match, East v. West, which was arranged to take place on Friday and Saturday, will be played on Saturday only,

commencing at 11 a.m. WE are informed that Mr Freeman, Chief fancy that the Overland Mail overlooks | civilized resources of the world. To put | Engineer of C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer Yung Ching, was found to be missing between Foochow and Amoy. It is supposed hemust have slipped overboard socidentally during the passage, His loss is much

> regretted by his brother officers. be in unmolested possession? If it an- The French Opera Comique Company will again appear at the City Hall Theatre this evening, when a pleasant entertainment will certainly be given, if we may judge from previous appearances. H. E. Sir Arthur Kennedy has, we understand, signified his intention to be present on this occasion.

> > Wire reference to the inquest held yesterday, on the body of Thos. Towning, a seam in on board the S. S. Penedo, the enquiry was resumed this afternoon, the post mortem examination having clearly shown that the cause of death was disease. of the heart. The Jury therefore returned

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending Feb. 16,

Europeans. Chinese. Thursday .... Feb. 10, ..... 81 ..... 85 Friday, ..... 45 Baturday, ... 12, ..... 80 ..... 80 Mondsy,.... 14, ..... 85 Tuesday. .... 15, ..... 40 ..... 40 Wednesday, ,, 16, ..... 88 ..... 54

Totals Grand Total, 470 vialtors.

Wa understand that the Indian Government have held back the issue of its Rupes Treasury Bills for the current month (amounting to a million and a quarter sterling) owing to the low prices offered by remitters. The authorities are evidently of opinion that exchange rates are at present unduly depressed, and we hope, in the interests of those who require to remit money home, that they are correct in their view, This puestion of the depreciation of allyer is becoming father serious, and if the Home Government is in possession of information which justifies it in declining current fates, the fact may be accepted as an indication of possible improvement in the future.

Akonder dispublished Items of News in . our American files we find the following:-Berlin, January 11th. The Pope has handed to the Bayerian Ambassador at the Vatican a protest against the violation by Daveria of the Consordat, by the speci-

Government does not intend to notice the posed by Dr Adams, who was seconded by protest

WE cannot say whether the Princess Reatrice has taken advantage of its being leap year, but it is reported that young lady is to be married to Prince Louis of Batttenburg, a lucky young gentleman who is now on a visit to India in company with his future brother in law H. R. H. the Prince.—Straits Observer.

On dit the Goorkhaa are to be sent back and a Madras regiment will be sent in its place. The former is an expensive corps, whilst the latter is not very. Anyhow the Native States cannot pay the cost, and if they cannot what next?-Ibid.

LORD George Beresford, one of the staff in attendance upon the Prince of Wales, stuck one end of his hogspear into a pig's body and the other into his own mouth; and Lord Carrington, another of the Prince's suite, has broken his collar bone while engaged in pigsticking. His Royal Highness has fared better. - Ibid.

THE Australasian of December 11th thus refers to the notorious Captain Hayes, who about fifteen years ago ran away with the Singapore, and after victimising many, left in such a hurry as to carry away with him the tain Hayes, says the Straits Obsever, has been lately tried, if we are not mistaken. (which it is) at Hongkong for piracy at the Ladrones :- "The time has been that when the brains were out the man would die, and there an end. But it is plain that this rule never had any application to the per- marked that, as the report and statement sonage of whom we often read as "the no-4 torious Captain Hayes, of the South Seas. If we are to believe all the newspaper paragraphs that have appeared about this man they be accepted as read. This having from time to time during the last few years he has been shot and otherwise put an end to many times-once he was killed in a duel with his mate, the two mon landing together on an island for the express pur- to meet you with a statement of the Bank pose of the combat, two or three times he such as to enable, your Directors again to has perished by his ship foundering at sea recommend the payment of a dividend. At with all hands, he has been slain by a mu- three meetings in succession the painful tiny of his captives while actively engaged task has fallen to my predecessor in this in slaving—one of the least of his enormi. Chair and myself to explain to you the ties; and on one occasion he was killed and eaten with great sclat by the natives of an recommendation. A combination of unisland to appeare the manes of the many toward circumstances, to which it is not who had owed their death to his acts. Af- now necessary to refer more particularly, ter each catastrophe this general and irre- necessitated the careful husbanding of all pressible ruffian has come up again as fresh available resources; and the Directors in as a daisy and ready for any rescality. On facing the position have firmly and unthe same authority we have been assured that sparingly dealt with all doubtful assets. If Hayes's life is one of piracy and slaving, va- | the dividend now proposed is not large in ried frequently by murder. The latest news | itself, it can at any rate be safely accepted. respecting him is that he has been arrested at as an index of a healthy state of affairs and Hongkong for piracy at the Ladrones. of a sound class of business. No effort Captain Hayes has for many years served consistent with prudent management will the journalistic purpose of a very gigantic | be spared to increase the dividend in future, His having been hanged last year need not | doing so but of again gradually building prevent your drowning him again this year up our Reserve fund, an object which this in the absence of more exciting and more | Board will keep steadily in view. authentic intelligence. He is a South Ses | The profits for the past half year are not Flying Dutchman and sea serpent rolled so large by about \$30,000, as those made into one. And his inextinguishable vitality | in the earlier part of 1875. But such fallis the best thing about him, if only a ing off in the latter half of the year may sufficiently vivid and circumstantial tale of | now be generally expected from the course his recent piracies be imagined to support | Banking business seems to have taken in the late telegram of his arrest, we see no | China, and the fact cannot be regarded as reason why the tough old sea dog should indicating any general diminution of the not continue his adventures and sensational | Bank's earning power. During the whole existence for a number of years. In the year the Bank realized net profits amountmeantime many will be disposed to ask is | ing to \$490,000, or nearly 10 % of its Capi-

There certainly need be little fear of our authorities interfering to put an end to the Hayes topic, as that notorious worthy has not been arrested by any one here, except Directors propose to retain in Contingent probably by the man at the wire. It may be that the redoubtable rascal "wires" false messages in order to cover his own retreat. - ED. C. M.]

#### THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders in this Company took place this afternoon (17th) at the Head Office, Messra Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s. There were present: The Hon. W. Keswick, (Chairman), Messrs A. André, A. Strack, J. F. Cordes, H. H. Nelson, A. T. Manger, A. Newton, H. Smith, E. R. Belillos, W. H. Brereton, W. Wilson, W. R. Landstein. A. Coxon, J. P. Barnes, A. E. Vaucher, J. T. Chater, H. Hoppius, Woon Walla C. S. Sherwood, Jackson, E. F. Alford,

Dr Adams and others. The notice of meeting having been read, the Chairman said the report having been in the hands of the shareholders, it would not perhaps be out of order that it should be taken as read. The present report did not call forth much remark on his part beyond the fact that the business of the Company contineed to prosper, and that it was gaining strength from year to year, the reserve fund being now \$507,000. He had no other remark to make except that last year was not quite so free from casualties sa its predecessors, but it was satisfactory that in addition to the losses already paid, \$20,000, as mentioned in the report, had been provided to meet all contingencies. The result, in bis opinion, was very satisfactory to the shareholders. He then proposed the adoption of the report.

Mr H. Nelson having seconded the mo-

tloff, it was unanimously carried. The Chairman saked if any of the share. holders had any question to put. There being none, he proceeded to state that the next business was the vote of the remuneration of the Consulting Committee. Mr. H. R. Belilios proposed that the

listial remuneration be allowed to the Cubaulting Committee. Mr Landstein seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

The remuneration to the auditors at \$150 i formed the aubject of a motion, which Mr Andre proposed to be passed. He was seconded by Mr Manger, and the motion WAR CATTIOU.

The election of the Board of Consulting Commistee, consisting of Mesers J. J. dos Remodice, H. Nicelee, A. Andri, J. P. (18th); and the meeting separated.

ment of a civil marriage law. The Bavarian | Barnes and A. T. Manger, was then pro-

Mr Cordes. Carried unanimously. The election of Mesers H. Smith and A. Coxone as auditors, was next proposed by Mr Barnes. Mr Nelson seconded the motion, which was then carried.

This closed the business of the meeting. Dr Adams proposed a vote of thanks to the General Managers and the Consulting Committee, for the able manner in which they had managed the business of the Company during the past year (appl use). The Chairman announced that the div dend warrants would be issued to-morrow. The meeting then separated.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK ING CORPORATION.

ANNUAL MEETING. The ordinary yearly general meeting of shareholders in the above Corporation was held in the City Hall this afternoon (Feb. 17). Present :- Messrs Andre (in the chair). Belilios, Cordes, Hoppius, McIver, Pomeroy, F. D. Sassoon, Hayllar, Qd., Mr Greig, Dr Adams, Messrs Laurie, Middleton, Nelson, Jackson, H. Smith, E. Sharp, Kirby, Karberg, Sherwood, Newton, R. Estello del Norte from Adelaide, came on to S. Woonwalla, D. M. Mehta, A. Strack, Simonis, J. T. Chater, Pasedag, Mardpainter who was at work on his ship. Cap- feldt, C. Cohen, T. Green, Hon. P. Ryrie, Krebs, Tobin, Rozario, Alabor, H. Cope, Beart, Landstein and Wheeler.

The Chairman (Mr Ad. André) having read the notice calling the meeting, reof account had been in the shareholders' hands for some time, he would propose been assented to, the Chairman spoke as

GENTLEMEN, -It gives me much pleasure reasons of the Board for withholding such gooseberry. He is as a subject quite inex- and I can confidently say that we see haustible. You can out and come again. before us a reasonable prospect not only of

there or was there ever, a Captain Hayes at | tal, a result which, when the state of trade is considered, cannot fail to be regarded as satisfactory in itself and as affording an

earnest of a successful future. Referring to the \$145,000 which your Account, to meet known and probable losses. I would state that this amount includes realized, anticipated and probable losses on all accounts everywhere, old and new-including those referred to in Mr McLean's Report. As mentioned in our Report, the Directors' anticipations at last meeting with regard to "doubtful accounts" have been more than realized.

As to the various properties that have been from time to time thrown upon the Bank's hands, we are disposing of them as favorable opportunities offer, and we shall continue to do so until they have all been realized. In the meantime the expense of maintaining them is very trifling.

Since we last met the Board have selected the members of a Committee in London.

You are already aware of our selection of San Francisco and Manila. Circumstances blished. which came to the knowledge of the Board rendered the steps desirable. At the former place the suspension of a local bank opened a favorable opportunity for the further cultivation of our Chinese connec tion in California; and the failure of our Manila Agenta necessitated a change in our issue ("Reciprocal Dutles," page arrangements at the latter.

It may be satisfactory to you to know

purpose of exchange business. You will have noticed in the accounts that the Marine Insurance account has increased to \$50,006.15. I am happy to during the half year, and all the outstanding of press laws of increased severity. risks up to 31st December last have run off. In conclusion I must again congratulate you on the position the Bank has once more attained, and on the prospects it has

Mr Andre concluded by stating that would be happy to answer any questions but as no one appeared desirous of further enlightenment, the Chairman proposed that the Report and Balance Sheet be passed.

Dr Adams had much pleasure in seconding. this proposition ; which, having been put to the meeting, was unanimously carried.

tion as Directors of Messes E. R. Belilics ment will wake up to the fact that it is nearly there seems to be no bad feeling upon their

The Chairman then intimated that the dividend would be payable to-morrow

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before His Hon. Mr Justice Snowden.) 17th February, 1876.

A CLAIM AGAINST A SURETY. . T Low Poo and another v. Poon Chew. \$304.73.—This case arose out of suit 1158 of December last, referred to Mr Alford for owing to the efforts of neighbours, one of was too late; the poor man died shortly ment the conduct of the inquiry, the German award; it was an action brought by the whom was awake owing to indisposition. - afterwards. Another man, who was also a Government hoped that the court would be by the Court, but the defendant not being able to pay, the surety, Poon Chew, the present defendant, is now sued.

The question as to whether the plaintiffs had fulfilled their contract in suit 1158

ations. Captain Sands spoke strongly of the way in which he had been imposed upon by the plaintiffs. Plaintiffs nonsuited. Mr Holmes for the plaintiffs, Mr Wotton for the defendant.

### China.

In my last, I mentioned that the dredging machine had commenced dropping down the river, through the ice. to the mouth "Powder Mill Creek," She reached there on the evening of the 21st, and began the work of widening and deepening the creek on the following day. It is to be excavated to a depth of fifteen feet. Although the machine is thus in successful operation, it has not yet so far as I have been able to learn, been for mally accepted by the Deputy of the Viceroy, which to some disinterested person seems perfectly inexcusable.—We learn that the Peruvian Treaty was exchanged at this place on the 17th inst., Mr. Sheppard, U. S. Consul, having consented to not for the Peruvian Minister, Dr. Elmore, thus obviating the necessity of his leaving the Capital at this time.—We have been having some fine weather of late-bright and bracing. Today there is some wind, with an overcast sky, and an appearance of snow. But we have so little snow at this place, that its fa would be a matter of surprise.—We hear frequent expressions of pleasure at the appointment of Mr. Seward as U. S. Minister at Peking,--The Chinese are very busy with their preparations for the New-year festivities.

The Peking Gazette of the 24th January contains an edict in reply to a memorial from the Yunnan Commission, requesting much less reseate in hue than its predeces- | Corean expedition. sor. It is now admitted that Li Hsieh-tai actually was concerned in raising the force which repelled Colonel Browne's expedition. He even wrote to the Governor of Yunnan announcing his intention of stoutly guarding his district; and though the latter at once wrote warning him to prevent the levying of the trainbands in which the report, show how difficult must have been the task of its reparation .- N. C. D. News.

## Japan.

(Weekly Mail.) Captain Descharmes of the French Military Mission has been honoured with a leave-taking interview by His Majesty on and I trust that the nominations have met his return to Europe on promotion to his majority. His Majesty intimated his intention to bestow upon him the decoration of special agents to represent our interests at the order which has been recently esta-

Heavy punishments have been allotted to the editor and certain writers attached to the Hioron Shimbun for having published an article assailing the Government of which we gave a translation in our last weekly The editor has been committed for a two years term of imprisonment, the sub-editor that we have probibited all local advances for one year, and a writer attached to the being made in San Francisco, and that the newspaper sentenced to pay 50 year and to agency has been established for the sole serve three months' imprisonment in consequence of its publication.

The Choya Shimbun has heard that the tell you that no losses have been sustained Government purposes to issue a new code

> Owing to the imprisonment of three of its editors matters have come to a deadlock issup of that investigation must necessarily with the Hioron Shimbun. It has not apbe friendly too. peared for some days past.

Our Yedo corfespondent informs de that large quantities of Japanese Raw Petroleum are being vended as American Oil. He is assured that one firm lately held no fewer than 3,000 cases of apurious Davoe's Kerosine, the old capsuled tins and cases being Mr E. R. Bellios proposed, and Mr J. systematically bought up or imitated and runs smooth; indeed, those troubles have F. Cordes seconded, that the appointment stored for service. When a few more even now commenced. The opposition of of Mr S. W. Pomeroy as a director be con- explosions and configrations have been the villagers perhaps was most apprehended, firmed i which motion was unanimously caused by this dangerous stuff, which will as likely to show itself in attempts to internot bear the fire test so urgently insisted fore with the rails, or even to tamper with Mr Hoppius then proposed the re-electupon at Hongkong, perhaps the Governthe the safety of passengers in the trains; but question now is, what we are to do. and J. E. Cordes ; which, on being seconded as dangerous a commodity for a prowded part as yet. The hostility has some from by Mr Strack, was carried unanimously. town of wooden shantles and mud godowns another and very different quarter, and the It was then proposed by Mr F. D. Sas as gunpowder would be. Moanwhile, the facts of the case are briefly as follow. soon, and seconded by Dr Adams, that the Mitsu Blahl Company will do well to look short time ago, a small piece of land, Hon P. Ryris and Mr H. B. Gibb he re. closely to native shippers of the article, or measuring about a mow and a haif, elected as sliditors for the year 1876. This it will probably have to write off a ship or bought on the other side of the Woosung motion was unanimously approved of by two as "destroyed by the in its profit Creek for the rallway company a fair barand loss secount.

Connected by telegraphic wire with the down unmoratively upon the unforthress | 4 U. said he appeared with the Phillimore,

Nagasaki will pass thither direct.

plaintiffs as sub-contractors against the The Rising Sun says, Why we shall have original contractor for some work done. been selected for such an untimely end to either two thousand seven hundred, or two done to save life and property which could Mr Alford decided in favour of the plaintiffs our sojourn in Nagasaki-if not in this thousand nine hundred blows with the bamfor \$261.25, but the award was disputed by world-is rather difficult to surmise. As boo; while a third was summoned thirteen a feeling abroad, and especially in Germany, the defendant. It was, however, confirmed the thorning is 'You may think but don't times and had to pay thirty dollars each think too loud.' That the object was the time, although a poor man., Eventually that a large steamer with upwards of 200 destruction of the plant, and not as is he was imprisoned, and the same sum people on board should have lain on a generally the case for purposes of burglary, demanded as the price of his release. One dangerous sand close to the English coast seems to be very conclusive; for no attempt of these two men last-mentioned is the for thirty hours before any assistance at all was made to burst any of the fastenings of Ti-pacof the district. The case is a sufficiently came off to her. Mr Bowen, who appeared was now raised by the defendant, the the doors, while the idea of running such flagrant one; the cruelty is inhuman enough, for the Board of Trade, said it was also the surety, and from the plaintiff's evidence it risks of capture, for the mere gratification in all conscience; but the worst part of the first desire of the Government for whom he appeared that the work had not been of a handful or a pocketful of type seems whole story to our mind is the fact of the appeared that the inquiry should be perfect too absurd to be entertained for one minute. dishonesty and underhandedness which and complete. It was stated that the con-Captain Sands (for whom the work was That it was done by some person acquaint have characterised the conduct of the duct of the wreckers would be inquired done) was called and deposed that although ed with the office, either personally or officials throughout. No objection, we into. This latter announcement is said to he had paid the plaintiffs off the work had through the instructions of others, may be hear, was made to the sale of the ground at have given great satisfaction at Berlin. not been completed, and that even now the inferred from the fact that it was fired on first; the papers of transfer were officially Forty-eight of the surviving passengers of walls were bulging out in consequence of the side of the office where all the valuable stamped at the Tao-t'ai's yamen, and the the Deutschland have signed a letter expresthere being no concrete used in the found- type is usually cased and where the damage punishment which followed was inflicted on sing their sincere and grateful thanks for would have been most effectual. However the sly. Mr. Medhurst and Dr. Yates the great kindness shown to them during the matter is now in the hands of the police are taking active measures to investigate the time they have been in England, and and every effort will be made to capture the the matter and are now engaged in corres- stating that they shall carry with them perpetrator and his accomplices if any."— pondence with the Tao-t'ai, who, we under-grateful remembrance of the kindness and We learn that the British gun-boat Dwarf stand, coolly repudiates all knowledge of sympathy which they have experienced at has been ordered to proceed from Yoko- the transaction. The case is meantime the hands of the people of England. hama to Corea. It is surmised that she being brought before the Government and will watch the movements of the Japanese. | we trust that before long the prime offen-The little gun-boat Swinger got up steam on | der, whoever he may be, will receive the Thursday and left the harbour. It is pre- just retribution of his crime. Startling as sumed that she has merely gone on a cruise, but it may just be possible that she has started to keep the Dwarf company.

### (Japan Gazette.)

will remember, robbed the German Bank, were duly made out, and the transfer comwas condemned on the 28th of January to | pleted in the regular way. A few days ten years' hard labor. The Court admitted afterwards the seller of the land came to that there were extenuating circumstances the missionary and implored him, almost in his case; otherwise the penalty would on his knees, to give him back the docuhave been more severe.—L'Echo du Japan. ment. The Tao-t'ai, he said, had brought

need expect no concession on this point.

One of the Kagoshima Shizoku, who was arrested recently, is said to have expressed his opinion that killing the high officials of the government would be no murder.

The Echo du Japan states that large the degradation of Li Hsieh-tai, who has numbers of deer have been killed, by order been at last discovered to be culpable and of the Japanese Government, in the island assailable. Both documents will be found of Yezo. The venison has been salted down, in another column. We note that the and packed in casks, and is destined for Imperial-Commissioner's present report is the consumption of the troops forming the

> THE YUNNAN INVESTIGATION. Apropos of the Yunnan affair the Celestial Empire says :--

And what is likely to be the result of this investigation? It was originally instituted, at any rate, work for a time, and so conas far as we understand, with a view to tribute to the development of the resources Momein notables were engaged, the order avoiding war. It seemed the only way by of the country. Nor are there any apprearrived only after the event ! Li Hsieh-tai | which to arrive at a peaceful solution of hensions felt as to the result of an increase is degraded from his official rank, accord- the difficulty. But it seems now that to the population of the colony by the iningly, and ordered to Yunnan-foo for trial. instead of this, it will make the declaration flux of such a class. Experience in Vic-This fully confirms what was reported at of hostilities much more probable; for it toria, it is alleged, has shown that the the time, that the punishment of Li Hsieh- seems in vain to hope that the Chinese and Chinese are not bad citizens; that when tal was clearly understood to be an essen- English Commissioners will come to an gold mining falls off in profitable returns a tial element in the reparation demanded understanding, and that their reports will great number of these Celestials return to for Margary's murder. Now the Imperial agree with one another. We put entirely the Flowery Land, the rest settling down Commissioner has got so far as to find out on one side the chance of the English dele- into useful, industrious pursuits. that Li really did know something about gates being interfered with. We gladly criminal records of Victoria show but a what was going on in February last, there accept the suggestion that the rumoured very small proportion of breaches of the law is no saying how far his discoveries may tumults and conspiracies are themselves wherein any Chinese are concerned not be pressed. The laboured brevity and part of the plot, and are intended as a the most ugly features connected with half obscure revelations of his present proof of the turbulence of the people and their coming is the dearth of females the weakness of the authorities. Let it be among them, and their inveterate taste, Discount, ... ... 6 a 8 so. We sincerely hope it is. But even if or rather, mania, for gambling. They this be the case, the affair looks bad for the are notably industrious and frugal; but before them. Despite all that has been said, mentioned will increase the danger of their H.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$500 ex div. despite the high-handed action of the Go- presence as their numbers increase. If the China Fire ins. Co., \$145 argument. Complications threaten, but frugality, but it is hoped that the good they may be averted. In other directions, sense of the colony will not lead to the as we have lately pointed out, the Govern- making of any repressive laws to taboo ment seems strongly inclined to adopt a Queensland to such a very productive class liberal and progressive policy; and we do not think that it is otherwise than desirous for a o ntinuance of pacific relations. But we are not justified in looking upon those relations as in any way satisfactory, or imagitting that, because a joint commission has been appointed to investigate a certain matter on a friendly footing, therefore the

WOOSUNG RAILWAY TROUBLES.

(Shanghai Courier.)
The Woosung railway scheme will doubtless entail a considerable amount of trouble one way or another before the dourse of it gain being agreed to by the native seller and the purchasers. When the affair was The imperial Polace has been specially concluded however, the authorities teme

Central Station. Cipher messages from villager in question. In two words: for for the German Government. They deemed foreign Company, he was beaten to death. sent over a special commissioner, who was He was sentenced, we believe, to between in court. The German Government felt

the fact is however, it is far from being without precedent. It is not so very long ago that a similar case though less atrocious in degree occurred in another direction. man had sold a small plot of ground to missionary gentleman for the erection of a The Chinese compradore, who, our readers | preaching-house, or chapel; the title-deeds immense power to bear upon him; he would We give elsewhere a translation from the | be ruined unless the missionary would can-Hochi Shinbun on Extra-territoriality. It | cel the transaction ; he would rent the land contains some sophisms, but also expresses to him for a peppercorn if he wished, but pretty clearly the opinion of the Japanese | begged the foreigner to let the actual pur public on the question of ex-territorial chase be annulled. Seeing the real distress urisdiction. Such expresions are harmless of the man, the missionary at once consentenough, nay, they will be positively bene- ed; but had he not done so, the unfortuficial, if they pave the way to a codified nate seller, who was of course at the mersystem of judicature. When that is effected, | ay of the Tao-t'ai, would have been tortured, foreign powers may entertain the idea of In all probability, and his relations included allowing their nationals to be subject to in the persecution. We mention this fact Japanese law, and until it is effected Japan in order to show our readers that the case which has just arisen at Woosung is by no means the first instance of the sort.

> THE COOKTOWN STEAMER LINE. (Straits Observer.)

The establishment of a line of steamers to ply between Hongkong and Cooktown has awakened the attention of the Australian Press to the fact that the Chinese are getting a strong hold on North Queensland, and to the importance of business relations between the colony and China. The Australasian says that the "establishment of a regular line of steamers, owned by a Chinese firm, plying monthly with passengers and goods between an Australian Colony and China is an event, indeed, that opens up vast probabilities." If the passengers by the line do not settle, they will, Chinese, and a difficult task they will have their proclivities "towards the two evils Hongkong Bank, 4 per cent. prem. ex div. vernment towards the Vicercy of Canton, results to be apprehended in this way from Victoria Fize Ins. Co., \$70 and the constantly averred belief in the Chinese immigration are, as they should be, H.K. & W. Dock Co., 38 % dis. enormous power of the Emperor, we do not provided against before they have assumed | China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1525 believe that the high authorities of Yunnan any magnitude, Queensland need entertain Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$600 can be dealt with as they deserve to be, but little misgiving as to other matters. with impunity. And this will probably be The immigrants are generally of a better the gist of our demands. We hear, as we class than those who come to the Straits. pen this article, that four ships of the Fly- They are not so much coolies as emigrants ing Squadron are ordered to China: a step in the right acceptation of the term, not which may or may not have a significance | without means, and not assigned or indenof its own. It is well known at the Foreign tured goods and chattels. Money has Office that Sir Francis Wade considers the been largely invested by them in land present position of affairs most serious- in Cooktown and its vicinity, and not as critical as it has been, but still such thus some security in a tangible shape as to demand excessive watchfulness and is offered for their good behaviour. Of forethought; and putting all these facts, course opposition is made to their setrumours and possibilities together, it is tlement by some of the "whites" who difficult to resist the force of their combined | cannot compare with them in industry and

HOME ITEMS

The Overland Mail is giad to hear of the victories on the part of General Colborne's little army. The Ghoorkas, it says, have earned the highest praise. Armstrong guns did much, and good leading more. "The Malays," says the Times, "have a feelish confidence in their stocksdes, and when Englishmen creep into them in the rear. as Capt. Channer is reported to have done the defenders, not unnaturally, lose all heart. This, we may assume, is the secret of the recent retreat of the Malays. Some stout blows have been struck on the Perak River, and one or two in Sungle Ulong the moral effect. From the border of Siam to the southern coast of Johore, a whole- Jan. 1, Oxfordshire (str.), from London to some terror of the English arms has been diffused among the Malaya." And the we to take possession of the States. retire! It is thought that Mr. Disraeli wil not take any distinct action in annexing until at least he has sounded Parliament. To leave the States now as they were would be only half doing our work.

The official inquiry ordered by the Board of Arade into the less of the Delitschland was commenced on Monday at Poplar before Mr. H. C. Rothery, assisted by Capt. Hatris and Capt. White, R.N. Mr Butt.

the crime of selling his own land to the the matter of so much importance that they two and three thousand blows; but be- that if an inquiry was to be made into the A 'dastardly attempt' has been made to fore he had received three hundred his loss of a vessel of this sort, it could better burn down the Printing office of the Rising person presented so shocking a spectacle be made near the place where the calamity Sun; that it was the work of incendiaries that the executioners, or whatever they occurred; but having consented to place in seems plain: the fire was easily put out, are called—were fain to desist. But it officers appointed by the English Governparty to the sale, received at different times | disposed also to ascertain whether all was reasonably have been expected. There was that it was a somewhat surprising thing

#### COMMERCIAL.

New York, December 21, 1875. The year closes with a very moderate business in all branches of trade, and shows in retrospect but little encouragement to the importers and shippers of foreign merchandise. There seems to be a better feeling as to the future, and in some articles a hardening tendency.

Matting.-Nominal, no sales. Stock 85 timated about 30,000 rolls. Fire Crackers. - Large stock, held nomi-

nal at 95 cents gold, in bond. Palm Leaf Fans, - Nominal, no sales. Full stock on hand, about 8,000 cases.

Straw Braid and Hals .- A few sales of mottled and white Braid, and some Grass Hats at about the last quotation. Raw Silk .- Although a quiet month in

silk, there has been a moderate amount taken by the manufacturers, who have had a fair business through the year. Good stock of various grades, and prices remaining in favor of buyers without much change. More care is desirable to have rereeled silk cleaner and as even in size as possible. Quotations are \$4.50 to \$5 for he recled Category \$4.50 to \$4.62 for Lucklow, and \$4.12 to \$4.87 for Cumchock per lb., on six months' basis.

Quotations. Hongxong, Feb. 17, 1876. OPIUM,-New Patna, cash... 6024 credit, 6071 Old Patna, cash .... -New Benares, cash, 570 Old Benares, cash, -New Malwa, cash, 585 Allowance Taels. 8 c 24 Old Malwa, cash, 590 Allowance Taels, 8 a 24

CAMPHOR, ... ... 141 a 15 QUICKSILVER, ... ... Exchange.

Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 3/112 Credit, 6 months' sight,... 4/ On Calcutta, Bank demand, ... R 2261 Bombay, demand, .... B. 2261 Shanghai, domand, Shanghai, 30 days' sight, ... 73 Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., -... -

English Sovereigns, ... ... Australian Sovereigns, ... Shares.

Chinese Insurance Co., \$220 North China Ins. Co., Tis. 850 O. & J. Marine Ins. Co., Tis. 107 Yangtere Ins. Association, Tls. 605 H. K. C. & M. S.-boat Co., 5 dia. Union S. Navigation Co., Tls. -Shanghai Steam N. Co., Tls. 75

Hongkong Hotel Co., \$55 dis.

Chinese Imperial Loan, £102. Temperature, Hongmone, Feb. 17, 1876. Taken at Mesere, Falconer & Co.'s Premises. Queen's Road.)

Тимисматия-9 д. ж. 4 P. M., Maximum, . . . Minim. over night, BAROMETER, -9 A.M., 29,976 4 P. M.,

Shipping Intelligence. HOME SHIPPING.

The following is given in the London Papers, dated January 7:--DEPARTURES. Dec. 28. Deutchland, from Hamburg to

Hongkong. Dec. 29, Martha Brockleman, from Cardif to Hongkong. Dec. 80, Diomed (atr.), from Liverpool to and the whole Malay nation quivers under Dec. 31, Belted Will, from London to Hongkong.

China and Japan. Jan. 1, Madagescar, from Cardiff to Honge

Jan. 2, Lyoba, from Cardiff to Hongkotta. Jan 8, Titan, from Cardiff to Hongkong. Jan. 7, Quang Se (Glenorchy) (str.), from London to Shanghai.

Jan. 7, Papa, from Liverpool to House

LOADING FOR CRIMA AND JAVAN FORTE At Landon, -- Steamers Wa Sues Canal: Hankow. Glenear Dr

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Green Winter Course , catty

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Mushroom, dried,

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Pumpkins,

Mint.

Mails. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, BATAVIA. POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILA, PORT SAID, NAPLES,

AND MARSEILLES; ALSO. BOMBAY, ST. DENIS AND PORT LOUIS.

N THURSDAY, the 24th February, 1876, at Noon, the Company's S. S. DJEMNAH, Commandant FLAMBRAU. WILL MALLS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon Cargo will be received on board 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 P.M. on the 23rd February, 1876. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are re-

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G DE CHAMPEAUX, Acting Agent. Hongkong, February 16, 1876.

## Occidental & Oriental Steam Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND Passengers FOR THE UNITEL STATES AND EUROPE, ERT HTIW WOLTDERWOD HI

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

CENTRAL

ATLANTIC STRAMERS.

TIME S. S. "OCHANIO," will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until p.m. of 29th Instant. Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same

a required. Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates. For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

Company, Praya West. G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent. Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

> U. S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

COMPANY.

THE S. S. "GREAT REPUBLIO" WILL leave Hongkong for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th March, 1876, at 3 P.M., taking Passengers, and Freight, for Japan, the United States,

and Europe. Through Passenger Tickets and Bills of Lading are issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, and to New York and

Europe VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS. A Steamer of the Mitsu Bishi S. S. Company will leave Shanghai, via the InlandSea Ports, about same date, and make close connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection of various lines of Steamers to England, France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. 14th Proximo. Parcel Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Praya West. G. B. EMORY, Acting Agent.

For further information as to Passage

Hongkong, February 15, 1676.

## For Sale.

FOR SALE.

- RARTINN'S PATENT OMPOSITION For Ships' Bottoms. Sole Agents for China,

F. BLACKHEAD & Co. Hongkong, January 5, 1876.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agerite.

FOR SALK Double-screened at \$6 per Ton, Small, at 46 per Ton.

Apply to T. G. GLOVER. No. 7. Queen's Road and at Bast Point. Hongkong, December 3, 1875.

TOU DE MONTEBELLO CARTE BLARCHE CHAMPAGNE. Quarts, \$15 per case (1 dozen. 5 per cent. discount on 25 cases. Bourbon WHISKEY,

412 per case (1 dozen.) FOR SALE BY HEARD & Co. Hougkong, June 28, 1875.

insurances QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premia.

EDWARD NORTON & Co., Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSUCIA-TION OF SHANGHAL

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, 800,000 TABLE

**DOLICIES** granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the world at current rates. This Association will, until further notice, provide out of the earnings, first for an Interest Dividend of 15 % to Shareholders on Capital, and thereafter distributed among Policy holders, annually, in cash, ALL the Profits of the Underwriting Business pro rate to amount of premium contributed.

RUSSELL, & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 9, 1872.

LANGASHIRE INSURANCE OOMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL .- Two MILLIONS STRRING.

NHE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, or Coals in Matsheds, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Haybour, at the usual Terms and Conditions. Proposals for Life Assurances will be received and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-

posals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG 📤 Co. Agents Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE-HONGKONG.

GENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of Ohina and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY PERS. JAS. B. COUGHTRIE. Secretary. Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

MANOHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company a Hongkong, Canton, Foschow, Shangha and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE. INCORPORATED By ROYAL CHARTER

His Majesty King George The Birst, A. D. 1720.

HE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:--Marine Department.

Policies at current rates payable either here, in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department. Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed. Life Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY (Limited.)

NOTICE.

TOLICIES granted at current rates or Marine Risks to all parts of the World in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association. Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the nett amount of Premia contributed by each, the remaining third believ carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Con-General Agents Hongkong, April 17, 1878,

YANGTSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIA-TION OF SHANGHAL

BTER this date, the above Association THESH Takasima COAL, in lots to A will allow a Brokerage of Thirty suit purchasers. Lands, Handpicked, three and One Third per cents (881%) on Local Risks only. RUSSELL & Co.,

Hongkong, June 3, 1874.

MANOHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY

THE Undersigned Agents are in receipt of instructions from the Board of Directors authorizing them to issue Policies to the extent of £10,000 on any one first class risk, or to the extent of £15,000 on adjoining tisks at current rates. A Discount of 20% allowed.

HOLLIDAY, WIER & Co. Hongkong, January 8, 1875,

insurances.

THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INSUR ANCE, COMPANY, ADECATOR

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company in Hongkong, China and Japan, are prepared to issue Policies of Marine Inchesics, payable in Australia, London, Calcutta, Bombay, Mauritius, China and Japan at CULTON'S Pates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co. Hongkong, September 6, 1875.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COM-PANY OF HONGKONG LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE,

LL Persons holding Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Interest, or Honus, are requested to present same for payment at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank before the 1st April, 1876, otherwise their claims will not be recognised.

> ADOLF ANDRE, F. D. SASSOON, Linuidatore

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